| Sl. No. | Name of the staff (S/Shri) | Designation | Sl. No. | Name of the staff (S/Shri) | Designation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18 | U.S Shrivastava | Postal Assistant | 35 | Motilal Singh | GDS BPM |
| 19 | R.D. Rohni | Postal Assistant | 36 | C.B. Sharma | GDS BPM |
| 20 | B.P. Gupta | Postal Assistant | 37 | Tilakdhari Singh | GDS BPM |
| 21 | C R.I. Ahirwar | Postal Assistant | 38 | Ranglal | GDS BPM |
| 22 | Jahar Singh | Postal Assistant | 39 | C.S. Singh | GDS BPM |
| 23 | Babulal Singh | Postal Assistant | 40 | I.P. Soni | GDS BPM |
| 24 | J.N. Dubey | Postal Assistant | 41 | Vishwanth Singh | GDS BPM |
| 25 | Jahar Singh | Postal Assistant | 42 | Denesh Kumar Awala | GDS BPM |
| 26 | B.S. Nimana | Postal Assistant | 43 | Mahesh Bhargav | GDS BPM |
| 27 | M.K. Bramhawanshi | Postal Asistant | 44 | Fateh Singh | GDS BPM |
| 28 | B.B Singh | Mail Overseer | 45 | Omprakash Bhawar | GDS BPM |
| 29 | C.L Autar | Mail Overseer | 46 | Antrasingh Rajput | GDS BPM |
| 30 | B.L.P. Tiwari | Mail Overseer | 47 | Mahesh Chandra | GDS BPM |
| 31 | C.L Autar | Mail Overseer | 48 | Balwantrao Kante | GDS BPM |
| 32 | B.B Singh | Mail Overseer | 49 | Durga Prasad Udainiva | GDS |
| 33 | N.P Mehar | Group 'D' | 50 | Rashik Kumar Divedi | GDS |
| 34 | Balram Singh | GDS BPM | 51 | Madan Singh | GDS |

*GDS BPM—Gramin Dak Sewak Branch Postmaster
*GDS—Gramin Dak Sewak

## Telephone connections in villages

†1724. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken it seriously to provide telephone connections in the villages following a declaration to that effect by the private basic telephone provider companies; and

(b) if so, the details of basic telephone provider companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) The six private basic service operators who were granted licenses in the year 1997-98, were to provide a fix number of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in their respective service area. The details of Village Public Telephone to be provided by these six Basic Private Service Operators are given in Statement-I (*See* below). Due to delay in commencement of service and non-provisioning of Direct Exchange Lines and Village Public Telephone Liquidated Damage amounting to Rs.53.75 crores were recovered from these Private Basic Service Operators. The details are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

Consequent to announcement of Unified Access Service Licence regime, the six private basic telephone service operators have migrated to Unified Access Service Licence regime in November, 2003 after paying applicable difference of entry fee and thereby the roll out obligations have changed to coverage of District Headquarters instead of provisioning of fixed number of Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) and VPTs.

***Statement-I***

*VPT STATUS*

| VPTs | Bharti Telenet Ltd. M.P. | Tata Tele-Services (A P.) | Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd. | Reliance Telecom Gujarat | Shyam Telelink Rajasthan | HFCL Infotel Punjab | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Month of Commencement of Service | June, 1998 | March, 1999 | October, 1998 | May, 2000 | June, 2000 | September, 2000 | |
| No. of VPTs Committed in first 3 years from effective date* | 16500 | 9635 | 25760 | 8635 | 31834 | 5442*** | 97806 |
| No. of VPTs provided as on 31 10.2003 | 611 | 1408 | 2643 | 4114 | 3010 | 879 | 12665** |

* These commitments were to be met by 30.9.1998 in case of A.P., Gujarat, Punjab and by 30.9.99 in case of Maharashtra. For MP and Rajasthan the same were to be completed by 30 9.2000 and 4.3.2001 respectively.

** Figures are as reported by the licensees.

*** As all villages have been covered in Punjab by BSNL, the faulty MARRs are replaced by the private licensees.

***Statement-II***

*Details of LD charges from Private Basis Service Operators*

| Name of the Operators | Service Area | Month of Commencement of Service | Total LD Charged for non-commissioning of service & delay in Provision of VPTs and DELs (Rs. in crores) | LD for delay in provision of VPT and DEL (Rs in crores) | LD Charged for non-commissioning of service (Rs in crores) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bharti | Madhya Pradesh | June, 1998 | 4.00 | 4.00 | Nil |
| Tata Teleservices | Andhra Pradesh | March, 1999 | 13.00 | 6.50 | 6.50 |
| Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd. | Maharashtra | October, 1998 | 7.75 | 6.50 | 1.25 |
| Reliance | Gujarat | May, 2000 | 13.00 | 6.50 | 6.50 |
| Shyam Telelink | Rajasthan | June, 2000 | 8.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| HFCL Infotel | Punjab | September, 2000 | 8.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| | | TOTAL: | 53.75 | 31.50 | 22.25 |

**Connection of villages through Common Service Centres**

1725. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one lakh villages would be connected through the Common Service Centre (CSC) by 2007 as recommended by Eighth National Conference on E-governance;

(b) if so, the number of villages identified in Assam and the other North Eastern States to be connected through the Common Service Centre; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement effective usage of IT and E-governance?